

## Message Text

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SUBJ: WHEAT FLOUR PRICE INCREASED AGAIN

1. EFFECTIVE SUNDAY AUGUST 20 THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA RAISED THE PRICE OF WHEAT FLOUR FROM RUPEES 0.85 PER POUND TO RUPEES 1.12 PER POUND. PRICE OF BREAD WAS ALSO INCREASED FROM RUPEES 0.80 TO RUPEES 1.00.

2. THIS IS THE THIRD TIME THE GOVERNMENT HAS INCREASED THE PRICE OF FLOUR SINCE IT CUT FLOUR PRICES AUGUST 10, 1977.

3. THE FOOD COMMISSIONER ESTIMATES THAT FLOUR CONSUMPTION WILL AVERAGE APPROXIMATELY 42,000 METRIC TONS PER MONTH AT THE NEW PRICE LEVEL. THIS WOULD REPRESENT A REDUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 5,000 METRIC TONS PER MONTH FROM THE CURRENT LEVEL CONSUMPTION.

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